

Time started 12:15pm
Time ended 12:25pm

Regeneration and Public Protection Cabinet Member Meeting 8 March 2019

Present: Councillor M Holmes

In Attendance: Catherine Williams - Head of Regeneration and Major Projects
Matthew Wilson – Regeneration Manager
Andy Waterhouse – Spatial Planning Group Manager

11/18 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

12/18 Late Items

There were no late items.

13/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14/18 Osmaston Regeneration Partnership LLP: Local Growth Fund Grant Proposal

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought approval to the use of existing Local Growth Fund (LGF) funds to provide grant funding to support Osmaston Regeneration Partnership LLP to achieve planning consent for new homes and site investigation related to the former Main Works site and Nightingale Road former car park site in Osmaston.

Resolved

- 1. To approve a grant of £137,940 (£59,060 for planning fee and £78,880 for the site investigation) to the Osmaston Regeneration Partnership LLP (a joint venture between Derby City Council and Keepmoat Homes Ltd) using Local Growth Fund allocated to the Access Osmaston project.**
- 2. To note that the grant was being awarded under European Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013, which allowed a maximum de minimis grant of €200,000 to be awarded to single recipient over a three-year fiscal period. The sterling equivalent was calculated using the Commission exchange rate applicable on the date of the de minimis funding offer. At the date of the report, the sterling equivalent was approximately £174,000.**

15/18 Revision of Rights of Way and Town and Village Green Fees

The Cabinet member considered a report which reviewed the fees that Derby City Council charged for Public Path Orders (PPOs) and other rights of way services. The charges were being reviewed now because of the delay in the release of the regulations of the Deregulation Act 2015, which would revise how public path order fees could be collected. Whilst these applications were infrequent and additional fee income would be relatively modest, there would nevertheless be an increase in fee income that would cover costs more effectively.

Resolved to approve the revised Council fees set out in appendix 1 of the report.

16/18 Procurement of Consultants to Undertake a Tall Building Strategy

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought agreement to commission consultants to prepare a 'Tall Buildings Strategy' for the city centre. This would eventually replace the existing Tall Buildings Strategy prepared in 2008 and build upon work recently commissioned from consultants to develop a robust evidence base. This emerging work included an assessment of the potential heritage implications of tall buildings, including an assessment of the city centre's skyline where important views had been identified. In undertaking this work, it had become apparent that it needed to evolve to consider a range of other planning and urban design considerations into a comprehensive Tall Buildings Strategy.

This was a sensitive issue, giving rise to strongly held and differing opinions on the future role of tall buildings in the city. It would therefore be important to ensure that the work was undertaken by a specialist in the field with an established track record of similar projects. It would also be important to ensure that it built in effective opportunities for consultation and stakeholder engagement and that the consultant was seen not just as an expert in the field, but also as an independent voice in the debate.

A detailed brief for this work, addressing the issues identified in paragraph 4.7 of the report, was being drawn up. Agreement was being sought for the Acting Director of Planning and Transportation, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection, to finalise this brief as part of the procurement process.

It was hoped to procure the consultants in April this year and for a draft report to be available in the summer. As part of this work, it was envisaged that consultation with stakeholders, including at least one workshop, would take place in late May or early June.

The cost of the work would be in the region of £35,000 to £40,000. The work would be funded equally between the Local Plan Reserve, Development Control and

Regeneration Projects. Delegated approval was being sought to transfer from the Local Plan Reserve and, if not granted, would be underwritten by the Planning Service.

Resolved

- 1. To approve the commissioning of a 'Tall Buildings Strategy'.**
- 2. To approve that the Acting Director of Planning and Transportation, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection, draw up a detailed brief based on the principles set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report.**

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